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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

NPIC/R-1340/64

August 1964

MISSION COVERAGE INDEX

MISSIONS ■ 2126, 2127, 8006 20 AUGUST 1964

MISSION ■ 9013 21 AUGUST 1964

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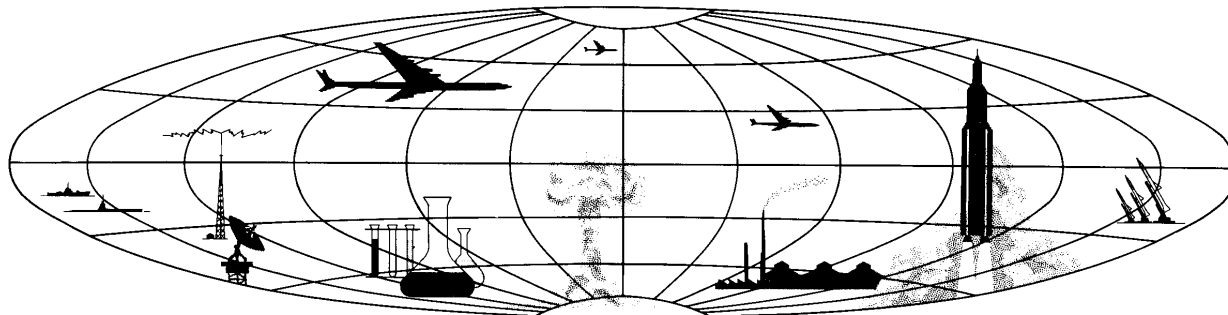


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PREFACE

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THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] MISSIONS 2126, 2127, AND 8006 DATED 20 AUG 64 AND [REDACTED] 9013 DATED 21 AUG 64 COVERING LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM. ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN THREE SECTIONS --

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SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION. THE MCI IN WHICH THIS DESCRIPTION APPEARS IS DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE MISSION NUMBER, PREFIXED BY THE LETTERS NAC AND APPEARING AS THE LAST ENTRY ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION III PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH OF THE THREE SECTIONS ARE ARRANGED 1) BY COUNTRY, 2) WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 3) WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 4) WITHIN THE WAC AREA BY

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GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER.
AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO
REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION
IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE
USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF
COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION
OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1/250,000 AND
L004, 1/50,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE
SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A
RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE
AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL
TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED
PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH
THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS
ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED
ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE
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SECTION I

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
-LAOS-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
BAN BAN AIRFIELD 25X1D NE EDGE OF BAN BAN AT UTM [REDACTED] 1,250 X 80 FT WNW/ESE GRADED EARTH LANDING STRIP, UNSERVICEABLE. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]	1938N 10333E	0617	25X1A [REDACTED]	159-A
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
BAN NON HON AREA, STRONGPOINTS THREE STRONGPOINTS IN BAN NON HON AREA. STRONGPOINTS A AND C -- NOT COVERED. STRONGPOINT B -- ID ONLY. [REDACTED]	1925N 10304E	0617		427-K
BAN KEN, AAA SITES SIXTEEN AAA SITES IN BAN KEN VICINITY.	1934N 10340E	0617		480-B
SITE A (UTM [REDACTED]) -- UNOCCUPIED 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE, POSSIBLY CAMOUFLAGED.				
SITE B (UTM [REDACTED]) -- UNOCCUPIED 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE.				
SITE C (UTM [REDACTED]) -- UNOCCUPIED 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE.				
SITE D (UTM [REDACTED]) -- UNOCCUPIED 8-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE. THREE AW POSITIONS (2				

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	Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
				BE	NPIC
25X1D	POSSIBLY OCCUPIED) OBSERVED WITHIN SITE.				
25X1D	SITE E (UTM [REDACTED] -- OCCUPIED 4-GUN MGAA SITE. (SEE ATTACHMENT 1)				
25X1D	SITE F (UTM [REDACTED] -- UNOCCUPIED 4-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE.				
25X1D	SITE G -- NOT COVERED.				
25X1D	SITE H (UTM [REDACTED] -- UNOCCUPIED 7-GUN AAA SITE WITH BOMB CRATER ON ONE POSITION.				
25X1D	SITE I (UTM [REDACTED] -- UNOCCUPIED 4-GUN AAA SITE.				
25X1D	SITE J (UTM [REDACTED] -- STRONGPOINT CONTAINS AN OBLONG TRENCH, SEVERAL AW POSITIONS, AND AN UNOCCUPIED 6-GUN LIGHT AAA SITE. NO BUILDINGS OBSERVED.				
25X1D	SITE K (UTM [REDACTED] -- OCCUPIED 4-GUN HMGAA ZPU-4 SITE. (SEE ATTACHMENT 2)				
25X1D	SITE L (UTM [REDACTED] -- OCCUPIED 6-GUN PROBABLE 57 MM AAA SITE WITH A POSSIBLE DIRECTOR AND RADAR. (SEE ATTACHMENT 3)				
25X1D	SITE M (UTM [REDACTED] -- SITE APPEARS ABANDONED.				
25X1D	SITE N (UTM [REDACTED] -- OCCUPIED 4-GUN HMGAA SITE. (SEE ATTACHMENT 4)				
25X1D	SITE O (UTM [REDACTED] -- UNOCCUPIED 4-GUN				

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>AAA SITE.</p> <p>SITE P (UTM [REDACTED]) -- NEWLY IDENTIFIED OCCUPIED 7-GUN PROBABLE 57 MM AAA SITE WITH A PROBABLE PUZO-6 DIRECTOR AND A POSSIBLE FIRECAN RADAR. (SEE ATTACHMENT 5)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>				
<p>BAN BAN ARMY BARRACKS</p> <p>NE EDGE OF BAN BAN AT UTM [REDACTED]</p> <p>ENTRENCHED AND FENCE-SECURED MILITARY AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 15 BUILDINGS AND 5 AW POSITIONS IN NE CORNER.</p> <p>AREA IMMEDIATELY WEST OF SECURED AREA CONTAINS ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WITH 2 WINGS DAMAGED AND 4 DESTROYED BUILDINGS.</p> <p>IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF MILITARY AREA ARE 2 DESTROYED BUILDINGS AND JUST SW AT ROAD JUNCTION IS ONE LARGE DESTROYED BUILDING. ONE PARTIALLY DESTROYED BUILDING IS LOCATED 0.3 NM ESE OF SECURED AREA.</p> <p>TWO DERELICT TRUCKS OBSERVED.</p> <p>SEVERAL BOMB CRATERS OBSERVED IN AREA.</p> <p>(SEE ATTACHMENT 6)</p> <p>COMOR TARGET NO [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	1938N 10333E	0617	25X1A [REDACTED]	159

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>BAN BAN AREA, MILITARY AREAS FIVE MILITARY AREAS IN BAN BAN VICINITY. (AREAS REFERENCED FROM CENTER OF BAN BAN MILITARY CAMP).</p> <p>25X1D AREA A (1.2 NM NORTH AT UTM [REDACTED] -- IRREGULAR TRENCH SYSTEM WITH 3 UNOCCUPIED POSSIBLE AAA POSITIONS.</p> <p>25X1D AREA B (0.9 NM NNE AT UTM [REDACTED] -- 3 UNOCCUPIED AAA/AW POSITIONS ENCLOSED BY TRENCH SYSTEM.</p> <p>25X1D AREA C -- NOT COVERED.</p> <p>25X1D AREA D (UTM [REDACTED] -- STRONGPOINT CONSISTING OF A CIRCULAR TRENCH AND 2 BUILDINGS OUTSIDE OF TRENCHWORK.</p> <p>25X1D AREA E (UTM [REDACTED] -- OBLONG TRENCH SYSTEM WITH 2 SHEDS. [REDACTED]</p> <p>--SOUTH VIETNAM--</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>A SHAU AIRFIELD APPROXIMATELY 2 NM NW OF A SHAU (LAOS) AND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM</p>	<p>1939N 10333E</p> <p>1607N 10720E</p>	<p>0617</p> <p>0617</p>	<p>25X1A [REDACTED]</p>	<p>159-B</p> <p>236</p>

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
25X1D BORDER AT APPROXIMATELY UTM [REDACTED] 25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE MISSION [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 25X1D AIRCRAFT -- ONE SMALL LIAISON-TYPE. [REDACTED]				

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<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>BAN NON HON AIRFIELD 25X1D</p> <p>25X1D [REDACTED]</p>	1926N 10305E	0617	25X1A [REDACTED]	427

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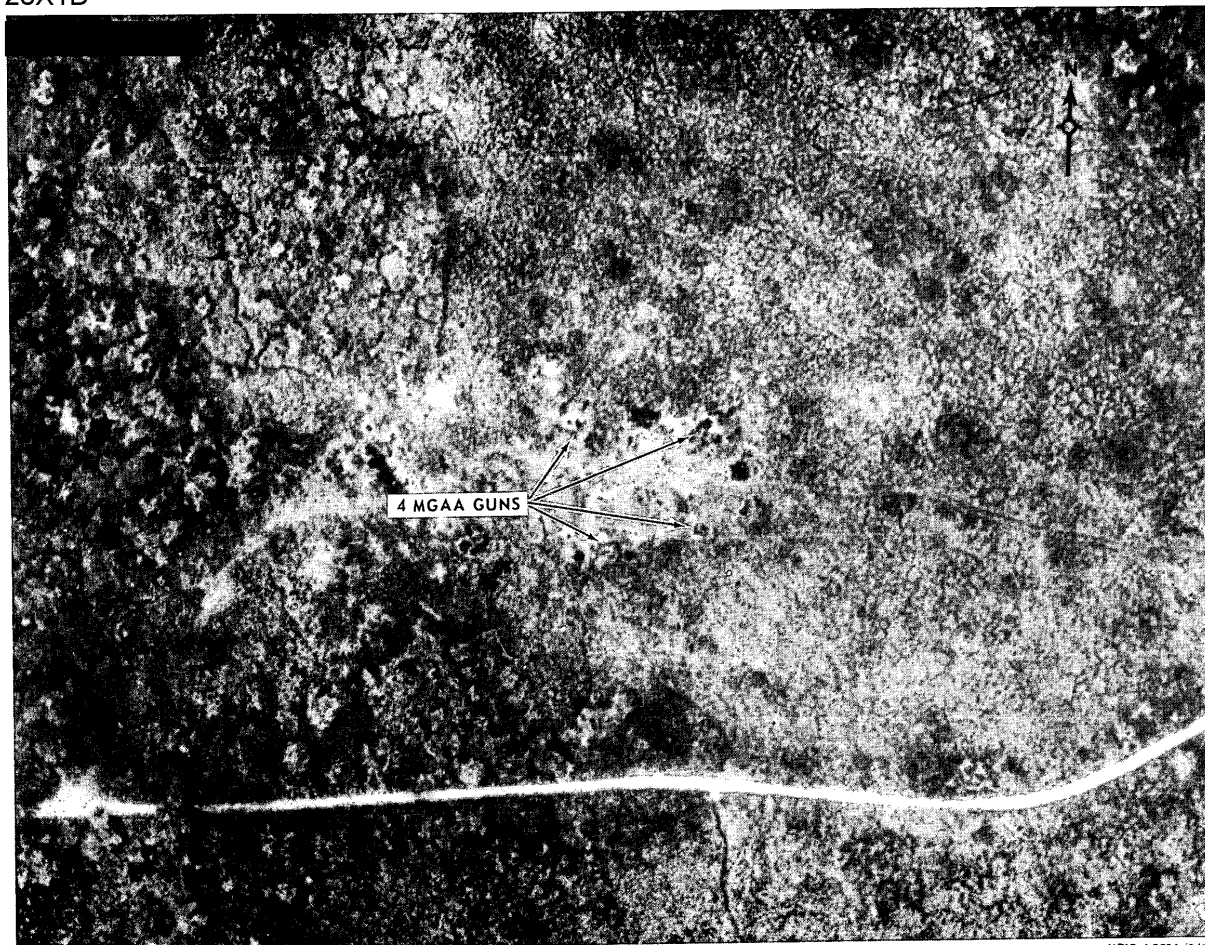
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				BE	NPIC
	-LAOS-				
	AIR INSTALLATIONS				
25X1D	BAN THANG AREA, LANDING STRIP (2) [REDACTED]	1925N 10304E	0617		427-C
25X1D	BAN NON HON AREA, LANDING STRIP [REDACTED]	1926N 10305E	0617		427-A
25X1D	BAN SAO, LANDING STRIP [REDACTED]	1927N 10307E	0617		427-D
	MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
25X1D	BAN NON HON AREA, MILITARY AREAS [REDACTED]	1926N 10305E	0617		427-G
	STORAGE				
25X1D	BAN NON HON AREA, STORAGE AREA [REDACTED]	1926N 10305E	0617		427-H
	BAN SAO, ARMOR STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE AREA	1927N 10307E	0617		427-E

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ATTACHMENT 1

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BAN KEN AREA, MGAA SITE E, LAOS

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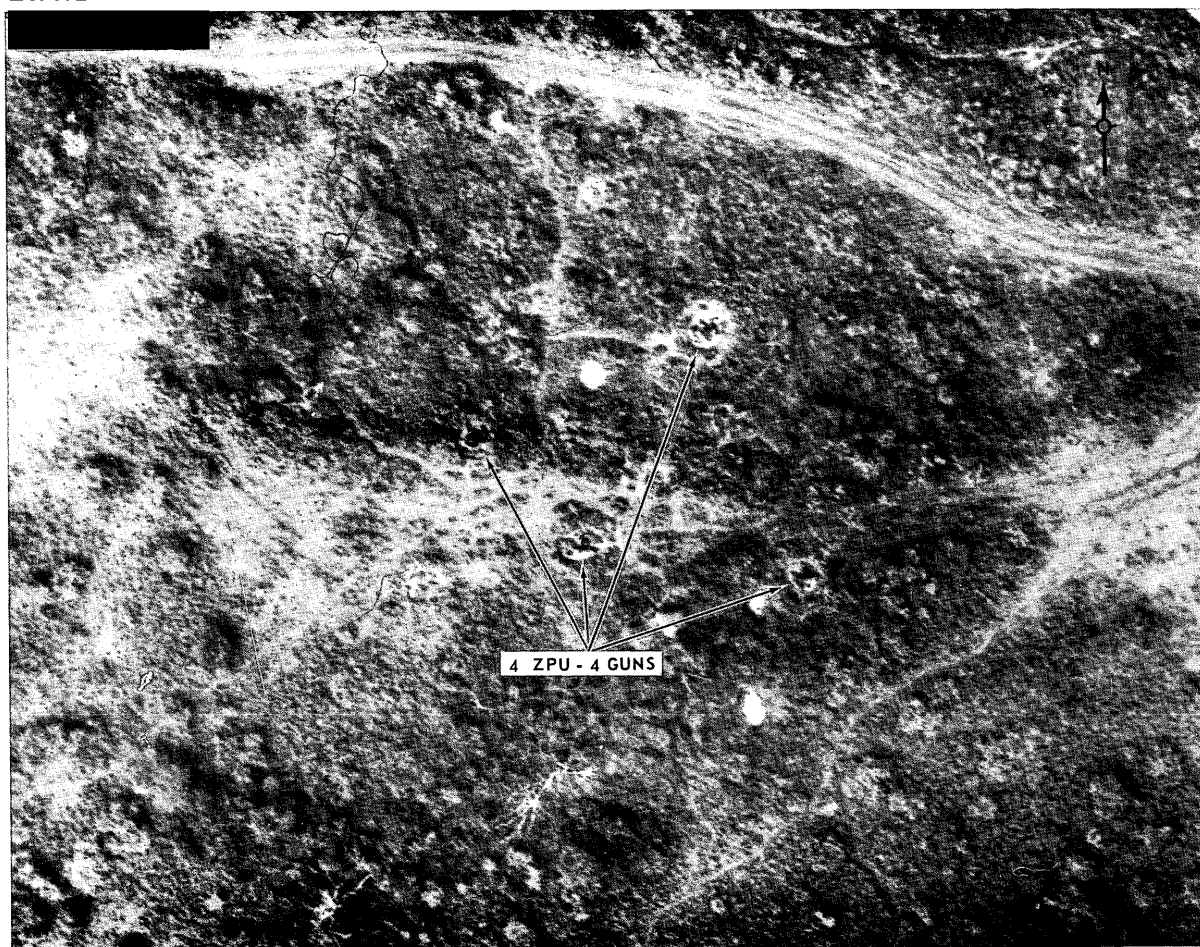
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ATTACHMENT 2

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BAN KEN AREA, HMGAA SITE K, LAOS

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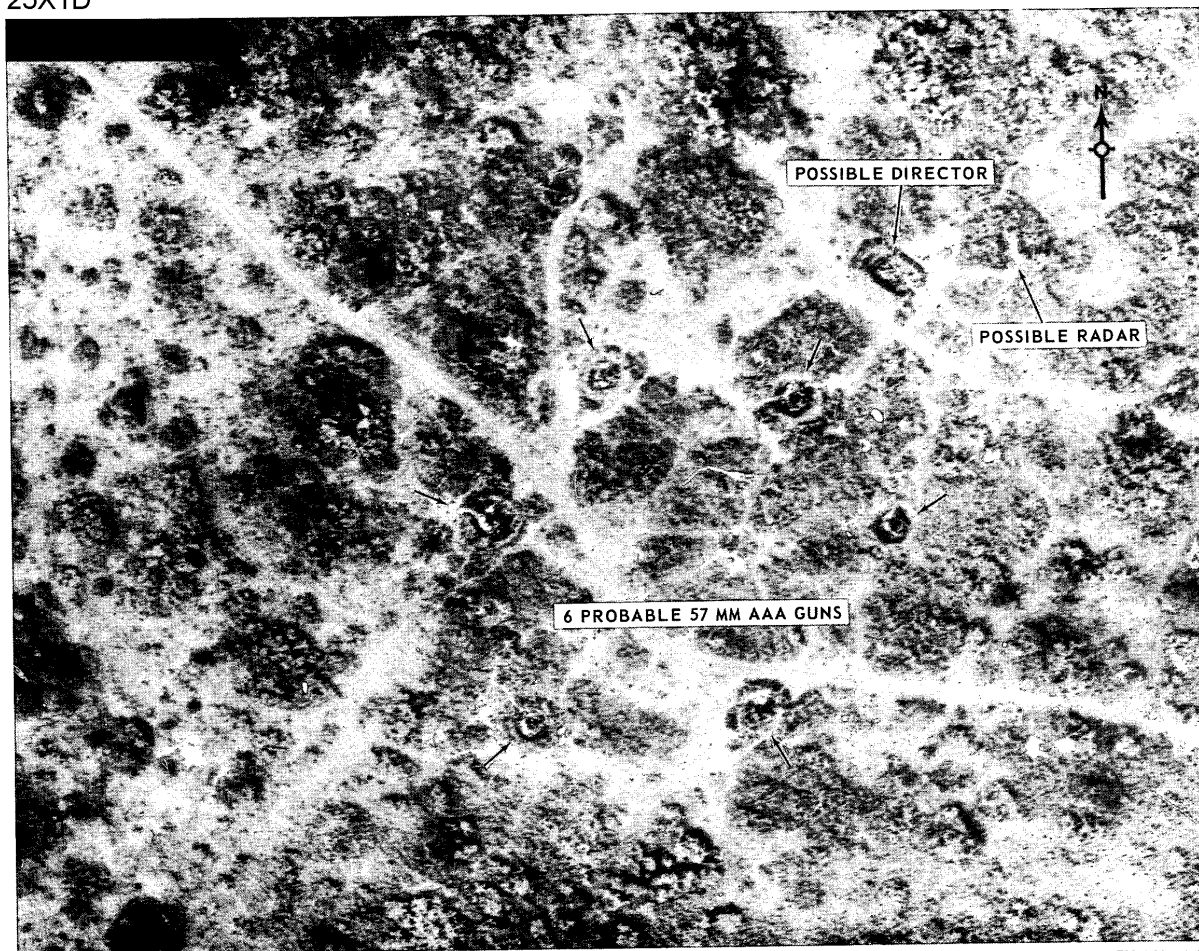
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ATTACHMENT 3

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BAN KEN AREA, AAA SITE L, LAOS

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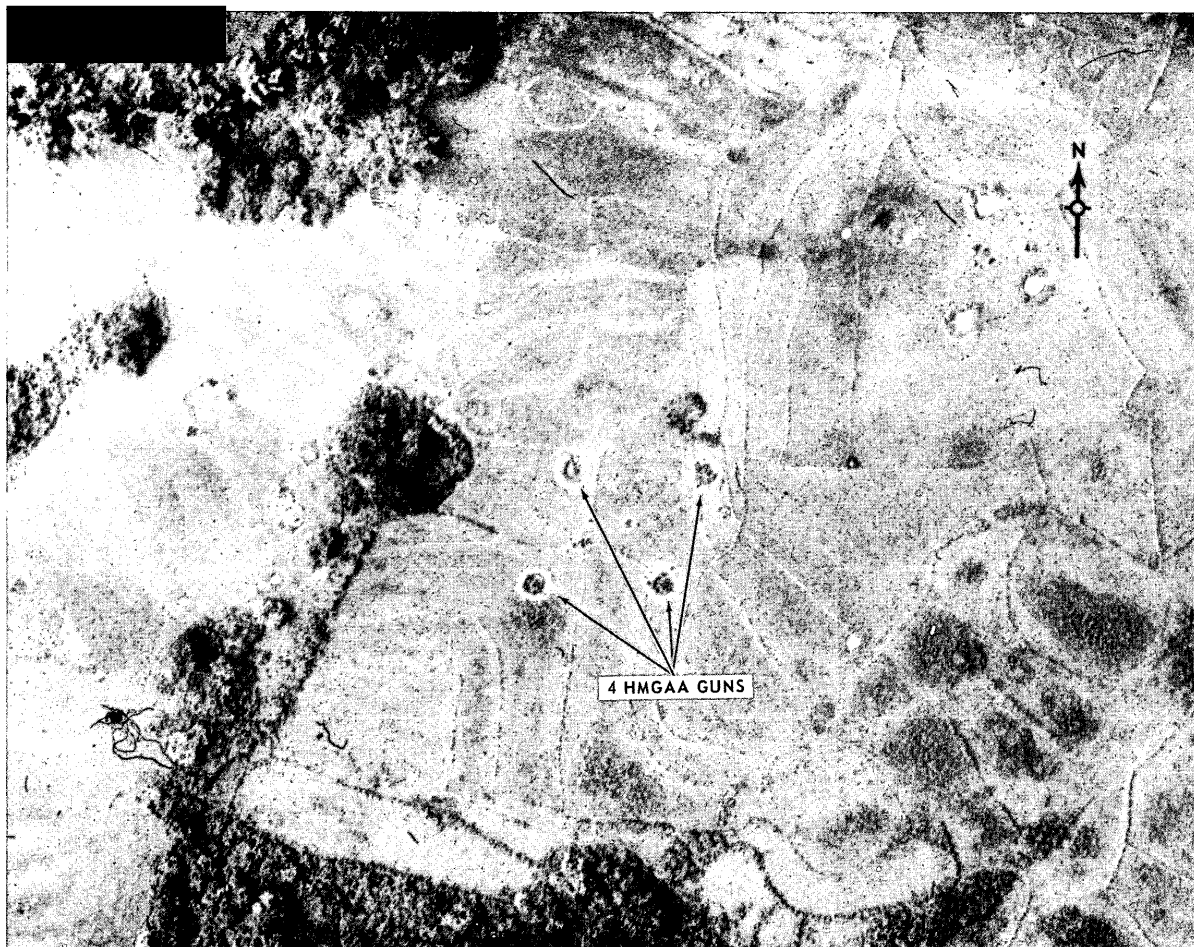
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ATTACHMENT 4

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BAN KEN AREA, HMGAA SITE N, LAOS

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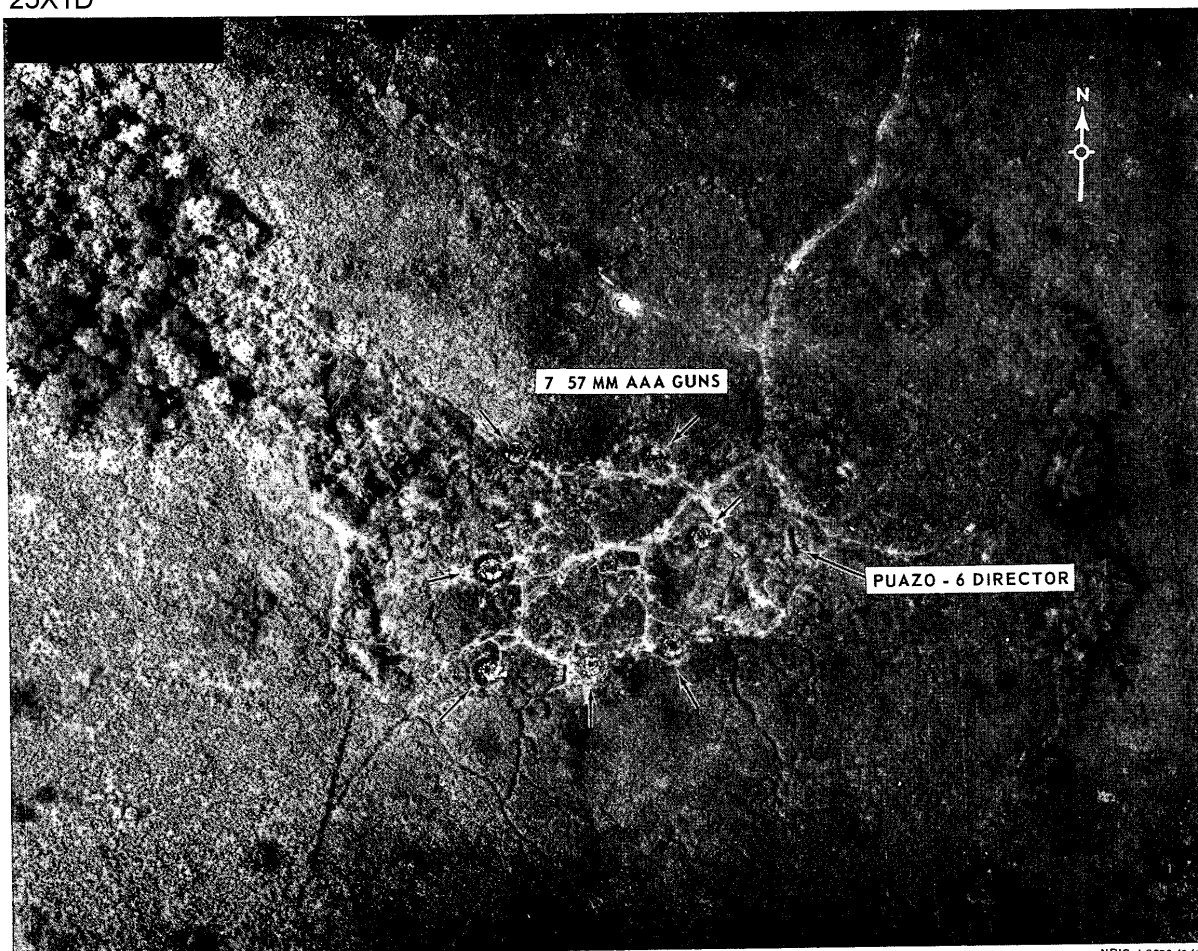
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ATTACHMENT 5

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BAN KEN AREA, AAA SITE P, LAOS

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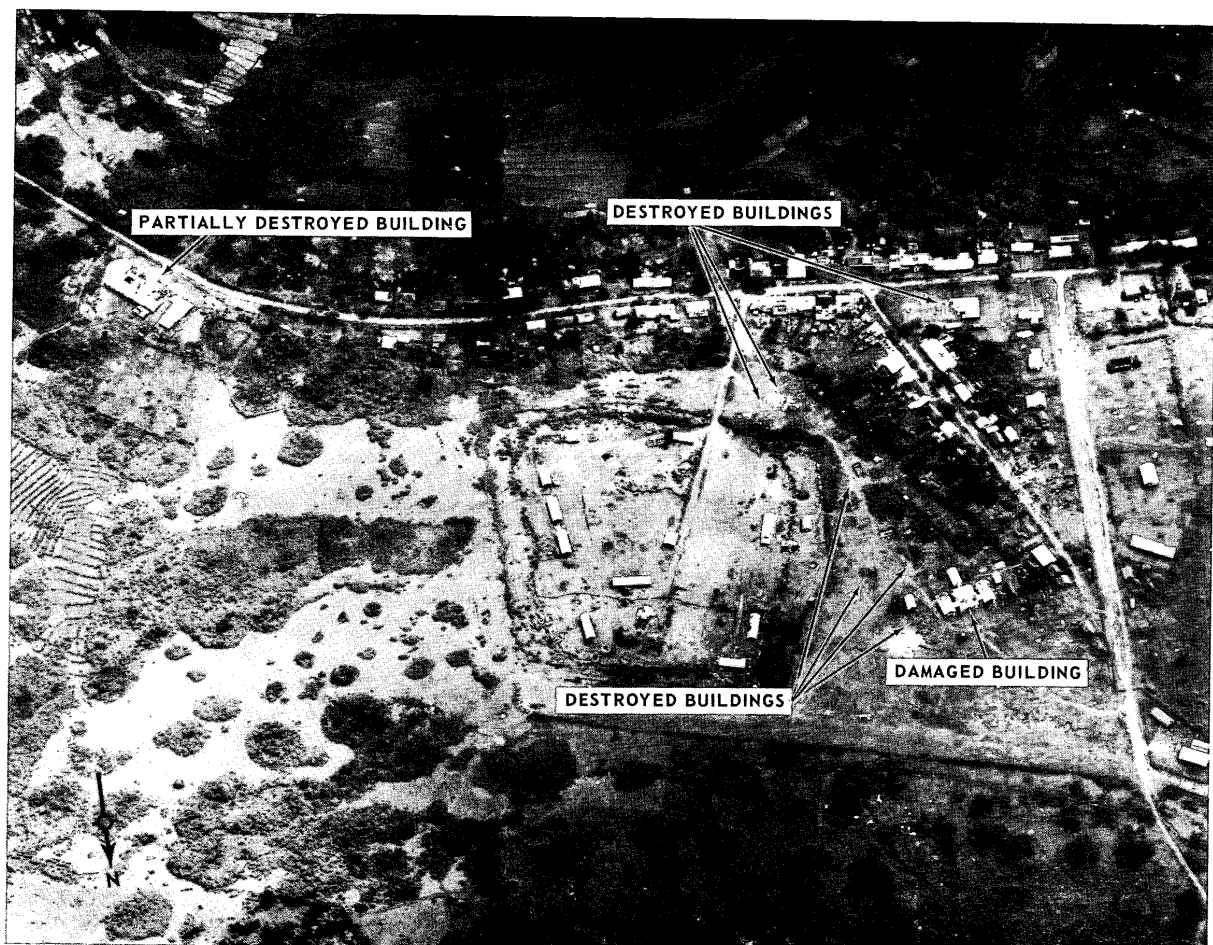
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ATTACHMENT 6



BAN BAN MILITARY CAMP, LAOS

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APPENDIX

COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).

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